been deprived of communion for preferring native to Christian life, despite the terrifying horrors of the description given above, and within further two years, another, " an intelligent, active young man, twenty~four years of age, having acquired a tolerable knowledge of the language in which he was to preach to the heathen . .. fell into open iniquity and embraced a gloomy state of infidelity." Of his " open iniquity/' however, Mr, Ellis can himself speak. " He intimated his doubts as to the reality of Divine influence on the mind . . . declared his sentiments to be deistical . > . and lived some time with a native female as his wife/' If Mr. Ellis could have foreseen how many of the future white inhabitants of Tahiti would " embrace " a like ** gloomy state/' his reflections would have been sad indeed.

It is, of course, extraordinarily difficult to get at the truth of those days. It is none

the less interesting to try, If, for example, we take up the matter of population and the causes of its decay, we find the missionary evidence very difficult. Thus, discussing it, Mr, Ellis quotes Tati, the famous chief of Papara in Tahiti, as